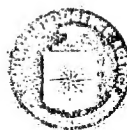


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15 March 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community

SUBJECT : CRITIC Reporting

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum, Same Subject, dated 4 March 1977

1. I appreciated your memorandum on CRITIC reporting and agree that we are not using this channel quite as often as we should. In line with the recommendations of the IC Staff's study [redacted] in February the Operations Directorate reminded all field stations by cable of the situations in which CRITIC should be employed. This should help to remedy this situation, but periodic reminders such as this no doubt will continue to be necessary.

2. With regard to other relevant recommendations in the IC Staff study: the CIA Operations Center believes that there are no current barriers to their initiating NOIWON conferences on the basis of information received via DDO or any other sensitive CIA channels. There is excellent coordination between the DDO Duty Office and the Ops Center in this respect. Additionally, I am confident that Operations Center personnel are by now steeped in NOIWON and CRITIC procedures.

3. I share [redacted] belief that we should establish no inflexible rules that would prevent the man on the scene from sending in urgent information through his own channels in order to avoid widespread distribution of highly sensitive material.

[redacted]
E. H. Knoche

cc: DDO
Ch/Ops Center

O/DDCI: [redacted] 15Mar77

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM : William W. Wells
Deputy Director for Operations

SUBJECT : CRITIC Reporting

REFERENCE : Memo for DDCI from D/DCI/IC dtd 4 March
1977, subject as above

1. I have reviewed the referent D/DCI/IC memorandum concerning CRITIC reporting and agree on the need to insure that all appropriate components of the Agency and of other members of the Intelligence Community be fully prepared to utilize this channel properly.

2. With respect to the recommendations for action contained in the Intelligence Community Staff study referred to by the D/DCI/IC, we have already taken action on the one applicable to the Operations Directorate. As part of the long-standing procedures in preparing officers going overseas, they have and continue to be briefed on CRITIC reporting procedures. To insure continued familiarity, we regularly send field stations reminders of their responsibility for reporting critical information

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